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Thieves Pillaging the House of C. W. Lille, near Independence, Iowa.

A MOTHER ROBBED OF HER CHILD. bid fair to live as long as frail and unregenerate human nature remains a fixture on this planet. The Tempestuous Neighborhood Excitement, immediate cause of the social spasms to which I have just referred, was involved in the mysterious disappearance of a child. The event took place on the evening of the 27th ult., and the culprit was probably a trained on a lone woman, living in a section of this city known as Sullertown. The woman and mother screamed fearfully during the commission of the rascally deed, and as the facts became more dis-

But let me state the facts in something like consecutive order. On the evening of the 27th ult., the woman, heretofore referred to, according to her statement, was brought to confinement at her residence in the locality aforesaid, and at once sent to a physician. The result of confinement was to distract on a lone woman, living in a section of this city known as Sullertown. The woman and mother screamed fearfully during the commission of the rascally deed, and as the facts became more dis-

Regina Kieman the Fratricide.

entered the room, and asked the mother to give him the child, assuring her that he would dress it and put it in a nice coffin, after which he would return it to her. Against this offer the sick mother protested, remarking at the same time that she herself would ensure it that the child was properly dressed.

Upon this assurance the African professor disappeared, but about an hour afterward a soldier made his appearance at the house, known here as Corporal J. M. Fordyce, who took the child summarily from the mother, and at once ran off with it. During the commission of this outrage by the corporal, the mother, sick as she was, clung to the corpse of her infant with death-like tenacity, while in the meantime she screamed for help as for her very life. A police officer arrived on the scene of the frantic shriek, and brought the child to her door. But before their arrival, the corporal had made his escape with the dead infant. The popular feeling, on learning the state of affairs, may be readily conceived. After a narration by the sick woman, of her horrors and their cause, a party of the neighbors at once went for a policeman, and soon lit upon officer John O'Neill, whom they found patrolling his beat. The officer at once repaired to the house of the victim, and learned all the particulars of the immediate circumstances of the commission of the outrage, with true police instinct, readily dividing all the responsible parties to the offence and their present whereabouts. Thereupon, the officer promptly repaired to the famous "Free and Easy" inn, known as the house of which the notorious Mrs. Bailey is the proprietress. On making his entry there, the officer found all the parties for whom he was in search, consisting of Dr. O. Gilman, the medical accomoucheur, Dr. Clem. Venerable, Coroner, Mr. Fordyce, with some other parties, all of whom were arrested, these festive individuals being taken up in the laboratories, missions, Mr. A. A. Pearson. An abstract of the

trial transportation to have any distinct recollection of this particular branch of the subject. He had no knowledge what was subsequently done with the child. It was stripped of all its clothes after it had been brought to the house of Mrs. Bailey. The witness could not say positively who induced him to remove the child as he is alleged to have done,

Regina Kieman Killing Her Brother Louis, in Sixth Street.

This witness averred that she had been directed by Dr. Gilman to go and get the child, but with this direction she refused to comply. The Doctor

Mrs. Louisa Carter,



Mills, the Franchise, H. H. Murderer.
From a Photograph by Lamson & Jones,
Galena, Ill.

Evidence may not be uninteresting, and is as follows: Among the witnesses sworn was the dramatic Corporal Fordyce, who testified that he was drunk on the night of the summary removal of the child. He could not remember distinctly what had occurred, but he had a recollection of being at the house of Mrs. Bailey, where the child was brought, and he further remembered that Dr. Gilman and Dr. Clem. Venerable (colored) were also there. He thought he was of service to the negro woman, and himself had brought it there, but in his muddled memory, he was inclined to then procure the assistance of the Corporal, who, this lady states that she saw Corporal Fordyce at the same house, as he had been informed that the negro woman and himself had brought it there, the parties then and there present. The Negro woman, though he was too drunk at the time of this infan-



Arrest of Martin Allen and John Grady, Adams Express Robbers, by Officers Linden and Maloney.



John Discovering the clandestine Marriage of His Daughter to Henry Fisher, at Milwaukee, Wis.



Citizens Taking Robert Wilson from Prison to Lynch Him, at Columbus, Platte Co., Mo.

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POSITIONS.

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the local banks and
or, or the French
picked, warehouses
silks and satins, bank
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the preceding divinities,
and hence their testimony was summoned as indispensable
to prove the allegations of the injured wife.
The evidence of our New York witness was taken
by commission, or *de habeas*, as the legal phrase
runs, and our New York female witness
to identify the man who had been identified by
a license of the accused sent from Cincinnati, and accompanying the ques-
tion propounded. The above case goes to show the
"perfect loonies" with which truant hu-
bands from the country, when absent from their
dear wives, sometimes "go it" on their arrival in this
cosmopolitan city of Gotham.

The parties to the suit in question lived in Cincinnati,

as it is well known,

alleged to have committed, and were married

to each other, though an essential portion of their brief

life was spent in Philadelphia.

The name of the parties to this lively matrimonial conflict will

at once be recognized by a particularizing enter-

section of our population, when we inform them that it is a suit brought by Mrs. Emma S. Sternberger against her husband, Charles Sternberger.

The case is one of the

most interesting

and dramatical

in character, and the

defendant, the illustrious, can

be seen in the air.

Would it be

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that transpire among the

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can he be arrested to-day

and condemned by those who

is it?

It is wonderful how

the, the illustrious, can

in the air.

United States. Bonds

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and his "pal," and his

looking after him.

He has a *carte blanche* to

and bribe with impunity.

But very high officials, seem

not to be impressed

and the halls of Cincinnati,

and the halls of

Domestic Criminal News.

A FEMALE FIRE FIEND.

Systematic Incendiarism.

A THOROUGHLY DEMORALIZED NECESSITY.

GRAND DEVELOPMENT OF MALIGNANT DEPLA-

VITY.

We present to our readers this week, says the *Dovercourt* (Pa.), *Proceedings* of the 5th Inst., a most striking and singular sketch, detailing the wanton and wicked whims of one of Afric's daughters, and which though bordering on the realms of fancy, nevertheless a resume of the conduct of some notorious women in the localities now common to the reporterial confraternity. This celebrated color girl whose crimes we are now called to chronicle, was born in the remote South, in the State of Mississippi, of parents without any wife in their composition, and by birth of can be considered a pure and adulterated specimen of the genus *africanus*, possessing the pure pearl of the eyes and skin, and every other ringlet. In infamy she was noted for both cholic and cunctus; while in early childhood her moral, intellectual and religious culture were scarcely developed. Her color was pale, and her complexion sickly. Aminia Sicks, whose special mission is to elevate in the social scale their sombre sisters of sable hue. At the age of thirteen, this identical imp was employed as a maid-servant in a Cheshire home. This was in 1858; and during the time she was there the house was set fire twice, for which offence she falsely accused an Irish domestic who was arrested and sent to the Central State Penitentiary. Even here she could not be at all satisfied of even the probable guilt of the accused, who, through her tears, declared her entire innocence. The Fire Marshal, with the help of the police, and the Re-convict of the State of Irish, however, declared her guilty belief that the accuser in the case was the guilty party. The female members of the little colored crew, who were all in the same position, were all accused because the little colored girl was accused in her department; always promptly attending to the duties assigned to her without a murmur. She was a sprightly child, and very attractive, and was often received in the same company. The Irish girl was discharged from custody; she went away weeping, and shortly after took her departure from the house where she had been employed. Not long after this affair, a boy, a member of the same crew, was taken into custody on suspicion, an arrest was made of the same black girl—who confessed having fired the barn, giving as a reason for doing that the lady who had fired it had offended her. She was sentenced to ten years, but was released three years later from the term. She served out the seven years. While in prison she was visited by a number of the members of the Society of Friends, who did a great deal to comfort her. She was cheerful in the restraint of the prison; she was yet piercing, and its expression rather fascinating. Little did the visitor think that she was a real criminal. By the time she was sent to the penitentiary, she had learned to quote various passages of Scripture directly. It seemed as though she had really shed the tear of true repentance, and thus earned sympathy. Upon her release from the same, after a long term of imprisonment, Aaron Eastburn, a worthy farmer, residing in the township of New-town, was induced to receive her as a domestic in his family, through the solicitation of a friend, who had heard of her character and her history in his knowledge of human nature. Mr. Eastburn hesitated at first, but finally yielded to the persistent eloquence of his friend. It was about nine months after the time of her release that in July, in the year 1865, during the absence of all the male members of his family, that the barn of Mr. Eastburn was discovered to be on fire—the owner first seeing the fire when a mile and a half off. It had been so much protracted that he could arrive, that the building with its entire valuable contents was totally consumed—embracing the entire crop of hay, consisting of over fifty tons; and the entire contents of the stable. There was an insurance of three thousand dollars on the barn and crops, but the loss greatly exceeded it. There was no doubt that it was the work of an incendiary, but what it was remained a mystery. The secret of her crime, from its exchanges the following further particulars of the career of this highly interesting stoolie!

HER CAREER IN BUCKS COUNTY.

The incident and supposed to be the thoroughly ruined career of a young woman, of a very respectable family. Her doings were of a good opinion of the members thereof. The sprightly-looking girl of thirteen years had now all the natural development of a twenty-one-year-old woman. She was a finely formed girl, always pleasant, and careful of the children; rather precise in her deportment, and decidedly moral in her actions. Her mother and father seemed to be of her greatest virtues. Attached to the residence were two splendid flower-gardens, that saluted their pleasure on the passing breeze. Some of the flowers, of the most fragrant floral species, were exotic, while the others were rare floral plants. Early on a bright June morn, the flower month of the year, it was discovered that all the flowers in one of the gardens had been pulled up by the roots or torn out. The garden had been profusely around. The family were astounded, and more so than the domestic itself. From some statements or suggestions made by her, the family concluded that a colored man, now residing in the vicinity, when retaliation was not very good, was the guilty perpetrator of the shamefully-malicious mischief.

In a little while the watch of the gentlemen of the household had been left hanging against the wall, was discovered to be torn and left hanging against the one of the hands had been twisted off, and lay on the backwoods. The lady of the house could not, for the life of her, form any judgment as to how this had been done, and did not remember being out of the room where this was discovered, during the passing time. This was agreed upon by all the family as a strange anomaly. Time passed on, and a few days a fine lama, taken from a tree, was discovered hanging from a limb, which was missing. It could not be found, either in the garden or the house, nor the garden had been profusely around. The family were astounded, and more so than the domestic itself. From some statements or suggestions made by her, the family concluded that a colored man, now residing in the vicinity, when retaliation was not very good, was the guilty perpetrator of the shamefully-malicious mischief.

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Her career in New Jersey.

The next head of this artful being was at Bordentown, N. J., where a number of singular thefts were committed, but they could not be traced to

her. In a short time she lived at several places in Burlington, N. J., and vicinity, where she remained for nearly one year. Various barns or stables were burned down during her stay with the several families. In all these cases she conducted herself so well as not only to disarm suspicion, but to gain some sympathy. It seems that her history is unknown to the people of Burlington.

In the summer of 1866, she went to service in a family named Taylor, in New Jersey. Here three fires occurred; first, the wheat stacks of Mr. Taylor were consumed in the night time, and subsequently the barn and out-houses burned to the ground. In a short time she found the master and wagon horses of Mr. Middleton, a near neighbor, were destroyed by fire. These conflagrations took place before daylight, and when they were discovered the neighbors were amazed. Much excitement prevailed, and this was increased to almost any imaginable extent by the assertions of the detective. She was the victim of the family of Taylor, Middleton in flames; the light coming through the window of her room. She said she followed a servant to look at the fire. She said she was a little before the light flashed in the room, and when she jumped out of bed to see the flames, she also saw by the light a solitary horseman driving at a rapid rate past the road. He was dressed in a uniform, and she knew him to be a soldier; he had a bugle and clashing his daughter in his arms, and then repeated the operation upon his son-in-law. A soldier applied the bugle and clashing of the horses to the scene of the catastrophe.

The scene was enough to excite the vigilantes of the most sedate, and the horses resounding from roof to foundation-stone with the laughter of the community. Novel was a merrier wedding we have ever seen.

The next day the happy pair, in custody of Mr. Taylor, returned to Waternon, feeling well recovered from the fatigues of the journey. The father returned to his home, was a profligate, and while this last there were no friends or relatives to help him.

THE FRANCONIA, N. H., MASSACRE.

A DOUBLE-DYED INGRATE.

PLUNGER THE GHOST.—THE MURDERS APPREHENDED.

Last December the quiet village of Franconia, N. H., was the scene of one of the most shocking murders that occurred in this section of the country.

Frequent exchange of pay-wages gathered around the arrest of Mills, the assassin.

Mr. George Maxwell, the victim of the murder,

was a single man, about sixty years of age. He was a member of the church, and had a large family.

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